

*To the Secretary of State:*

As provided in Section 14 of Article 4 of the Constitution of Texas, I transmit herewith for file in the office of the Secretary of State, House Bill No. 2, the same being, "An Act making appropriations for the support of the State Government for two years, beginning September 1, 1913, and ending August 31, 1915, and for other purposes, and prescribing certain regulations and restrictions in respect thereto; to make additional appropriations for the support of the State Government for the year ending August 31, 1913, and to pay various miscellaneous claims against the State, and declaring an emergency."

Said House Bill No. 2 was received in the Governor's Office on the 19th day of August, A. D. 1913, at 11:55 o'clock p. m. Said House Bill No. 2 has been signed by me on this date, and the items therein not objected to are approved. I append to said bill at the time of signing the same this statement of the items to which I object and the reasons therefor. Where the items objected to have no special reason assigned for that action, they are vetoed on the ground that the appropriations are not essential to the efficient administration of the State Government or of the particular department for which they may have been made. In order that there may be no misunderstanding as to the intention of the Governor to veto any particular item, I have crossed the figures in each item objected to out with red ink. The items objected to and disapproved are as follows:

*Executive Office.*

(1) On page 2 is the following item: "Salary of stenographic clerk and bookkeeper for Board of Pardon Advisors," \$1200.00 for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1914, and \$1200.00 for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1915. Said item is objected to and disapproved for both of said fiscal years. (2) On page 2 is the following item: "One typewriter for Board of Pardon Advisors," \$100.00 for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1914. This item is objected to and disapproved. (3) On page 2 is the following item: "Expenses of Board of Pardon Advisors in visiting penitentiaries, reformatory, camps and farms," \$500.00 for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1914, and \$500.00 for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1915. Said item is objected to and disapproved for both of said fiscal years because it is not necessary.

*Department of State.*

(1) On page 3 is the following item: "Salary of cashier and clerk, to be placed under \$10,000 bond," \$1800.00 for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1914, and \$1800.00 for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1915. This item is objected to and disapproved for both of said fiscal years.

*State Revenue Agent.*

(1) On page 4 is the following item: "Traveling and other expenses," \$1000.00 for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1914, and \$1000.00 for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1915. The sum of \$1000.00 for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1915, is objected to and disapproved. (2) On page 4 is the following item: "Office furniture," \$200.00 for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1914, and \$200.00 for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1915. This item for both said fiscal years is objected to and disapproved.

*Public Buildings and Grounds.*

(1) On page 5 is the following item: "Salary of Mrs. Rebecca J. Fisher, assistant guide in charge of paintings," \$480.00 for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1914, and \$480.00 for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1915. It is with much reluctance that it is done, but this item is objected to and disapproved. I regard it in the nature of a pension,

as there is no public requirement for the service called for. (2) On page 5 is the following item: "Laying water mains and fire hydrants," \$4000.00 for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1914. This item is objected to and disapproved. (3) On page 5 is the following item: "Paving unfinished portions of Capitol drives," \$5000.00 for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1914. This item is objected to and disapproved. (4) On page 5 is the following item: "Salaries of two night watchmen at capitol building for purpose of fire protection, to thoroughly patrol the building at least once each hour under direction of Superintendent of Public Buildings and Grounds at \$50.00 per month each," \$1200 for the year ending August 31, 1914, and \$1200.00 for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1915. This item is objected to and disapproved. The Superintendent of Public Buildings and Grounds advises me that it is not necessary. (5) On page 5 is the following item: "For improvements, maintenance and care of San Jacinto State Park," \$10,000.00 for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1914, and \$10,000.00 for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1915. The sum of \$10,000.00 appropriated for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1914, is objected to and disapproved. (6) On page 5 is the following item: "For repairing roof of capitol," \$7500.00 for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1914. This item is objected to and disapproved. (7) On page 5 is the following item: "For care and maintenance of the Fannin Battle Field State Park and the Gonzales State Park," \$1000.00 for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1914, and \$1000.00 for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1915. This item is objected to and disapproved for both of said fiscal years. The Regular Session of the Legislature appropriated money for the purpose of improving the parks named, and the sum so appropriated has not yet been expended, but will be available for the next two years.

#### *Department of Insurance and Banking.*

(1) On page 8 is the following item: "Salaries of three additional bank examiners, first year and five second year, if necessary to be appointed; provided, the Commissioner of Insurance and Banking is authorized to appoint the necessary bank examiners, not to exceed one for every forty banks organized and operating under the laws of this State," \$6000.00 for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1914, and \$10,000.00 for the year ending August 31, 1915. This item is objected to and disapproved for both of said fiscal years. It is based upon the contingent needs of the department, and the Commissioner of Insurance and Banking says he may not need it. (2) On page 8 is the following item: "Traveling expenses of additional Bank Examiners, if appointed, or so much thereof as may be necessary," \$5625.00 for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1914, and \$9375.00 for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1915. This item is objected to and disapproved for both of said fiscal years, because of the disapproval of preceding items.

#### *Texas Library and Historical Commission.*

(1) On page 10 is the following item: "Salary of general assistant," \$720.00 for each of the fiscal years ending August 31, 1914, and August 31, 1915. This item is objected to and disapproved for both of said fiscal years. (2) On page 11 is the following item: "For maintenance of Legislative Reference Department," \$5000.00 for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1914, and \$5000.00 for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1915. This item is objected to and disapproved for both of said fiscal years.

#### *State Purchasing Agent.*

(1) On page 12 is the following item: "Extra help for preparing and making awards," \$150.00 for each of the fiscal years ending August 31, 1914, and August 31, 1915. This item is objected to and disapproved for both of said fiscal years.

### *Public Printing.*

(1) On page 13 is the following item: "Salary of one assistant and bookkeeper," \$1200.00 for each fiscal years ending August 31, 1914, and August 31, 1915. This item is objected to and disapproved for both of said fiscal years.

### *Bureau of Labor Statistics.*

(1) On page 14 is the following item: "Salary of one statistician and stenographer," \$1500.00 for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1914, and \$1500 for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1915. This item is objected to and disapproved. (2) On page 14 is the following item: "Traveling expenses for the department," \$5100.00 for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1914, and \$5100.00 for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1915. The item of \$5100.00 for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1915, is objected to and disapproved for the reason that it is believed that the \$5100.00 appropriated for the first fiscal year is sufficient for two years.

### *Adjutant General's Department.*

(1) On page 15 is the following item: "Rent and maintenance of armories and purchase of armory equipment," \$20,000.00 for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1914, and \$20,000.00 for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1915. The item of \$20,000.00 for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1915, is objected to and disapproved. (2) On page 15 is the following item: "Erection of store house at Camp Mabry," \$20,000.00 for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1914. This item is objected to and disapproved.

### *State Board of Health.*

(1) On page 18 are the following items: "Purchase of boat at Sabine Pass," \$6000.00 for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1914; "Purchase of boat at Aransas Pass," \$6000.00 for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1914. The sum of \$4500.00 for the purchase of a boat at Sabine Pass is approved, and the sum of \$1500 in said item is disapproved. The sum of \$4500.00 in the item for the purchase of a boat at Aransas Pass is approved, and the sum of \$1500.00 in said item is disapproved. This action is taken with the approval and on the advice of Dr. Ralph Steiner, State Health Officer, who has bids to construct the boats for the amounts approved in each item. (2) On page 19 is the following item: "For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of House Bill No. 366, as passed by the 33rd Legislature, providing for a public Health Exhibit in railroad car, or cars, and carrying on an educational campaign for the protection of public health against communicable diseases," \$10,000.00 for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1914, and \$10,000.00 for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1915. The item of \$10,000.00 for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1914, is objected to and disapproved.

### *Game, Fish and Oyster Commission.*

(1) On page 20 is the following item: "Salary of third assistant to enforce game laws," \$1200.00 for each of the fiscal years ending August 31, 1914, and August 31, 1915. This item is objected to and disapproved for both of said fiscal years.

### *Live Stock Sanitary Commission.*

(1) On page 21 is the following item: "Emergency fund for extra help," \$3500.00 for each of the fiscal years ending August 31, 1914, and August 31, 1915. This item is objected to and disapproved for both of said fiscal years. (2) On page 21 is the following item: "Expense of stationary inspectors, approximately five, at \$10 per month," \$600.00 for each of the fiscal years ending August 31, 1914, and August 31, 1915. This item is objected to and disapproved for both of said fiscal years.

### *State Mining Board.*

(1) On page 22 is the following item: "For the purchase of oxygen helmet apparatus for instruction and mine rescue work and for the expense of maintenance," \$2000.00 for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1914. This item is objected to and disapproved.

### *Pure Food Commission.*

(1) On page 23 is the following item: "Office and laboratory supplies," \$900.00 for each of the fiscal years ending August 31, 1914, and August 31, 1915. This item is objected to and disapproved for both of said fiscal years.

### *Attorney General's Department.*

(1) On page 24 is the following item: "Salary of assistant bond examiner," \$2400.00 for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1914, and \$2400.00 for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1915. This item is objected to and disapproved for both of said fiscal years. (2) On page 25 is the following item: "For the necessary expenses in defending cause original number 13, the State of New Mexico vs. the State of Texas, pending in the Supreme Court of the United States, involving the boundary between the State of New Mexico and the State of Texas, including cost of investigation and all other necessary expenses pertaining to this suit," \$10,000.00 for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1914. This item is objected to and disapproved for the reason that the necessary expenses for the purpose mentioned can be met out of other appropriations for the Attorney General's Office, and if they should prove insufficient they can be increased when needed by an application under statute for a deficiency.

### *Department of Education.*

(1) On page 27 is the following item: "For continuing State aid in such high schools as have heretofore established departments of agriculture, manual training or domestic economy; provided, that the Inspector from the State Department of Education, after visiting said high schools, finds further State aid advisable, and necessary and recommends it; and for establishing, equipping and maintaining such departments in additional high schools in accordance with the provisions of Section 3, Chapter 26, General Laws, Regular Session 32nd Legislature," \$100,000.00 for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1914, and \$100,000.00 for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1915. The item of \$100,000.00 for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1915, is objected to and disapproved. The Thirty-second Legislature appropriated \$50,000.00 for each of the fiscal years ending August 31, 1912, and August 31, 1913, and the sum of \$100,000.00 in this item appropriated for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1914, is approved for use for two fiscal years ending August 31, 1914, and August 31, 1915.

### *Comptroller's Department.*

(1) On page 30 is the following item: "Salary of assistant corresponding clerk," \$1200.00 for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1914, and \$1200.00 for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1915. This item is objected to and disapproved for both of said fiscal years. (2) On page 31 is the following item: "Salaries of three assistant redemption clerks at \$1200.00 each," \$3600.00 for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1914, and \$3600.00 for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1915. The sum of \$1200.00 in said item for each of the fiscal years ending August 31, 1914, and August 31, 1915, for one of the said assistant redemption clerks is objected to and disapproved. (3) On page 31 is the following item: "Salaries of two assistant pension clerks at \$1200 each," \$2400.00 for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1914, and \$2400.00 for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1915. The item of \$1200.00 in said item for each of the fiscal years ending August 31, 1914, and August 31, 1915,

for one of the said assistant pension clerks is objected to and disapproved. (4) On page 32 are the following items: "Salary of unorganized county tax clerk," \$1200.00 for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1914, and \$1200.00 for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1915; "Salary of mailing and file clerk," \$1200.00 for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1914, and \$1200.00 for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1915; "Salary of assistant mailing and file clerk," \$1200.00 for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1914, and \$1200.00 for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1915. All of said items are objected to and disapproved. (5) On page 32 is the following item: "Letter addressing machine," \$500.00 for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1914. This item is objected to and disapproved. (6) On page 33 is the following item: "For enforcing the provisions of Section 9a, 9b, 9c, 9d, 9e, 9f, 9g, 9h and 9i, of Chapter 17 of the Acts of the First Called Session of the Thirty-first Legislature; also for enforcing the provisions of Chapters 67 and 75 of the General Laws of the Thirty-third Legislature passed at its regular session, convened on January 14, 1913, adjourned on April 1, 1913, and all other laws regulating the sale of intoxicating liquors. The Governor, Attorney General and Comptroller shall employ secret service men such as may be necessary, to be paid out of the appropriation herein made, whose duties shall be to ferret out all violations of the foregoing laws. Any two of the above named officials, to-wit: the Governor, Attorney General and Comptroller, may act, but the secret service men shall be under the control of the Comptroller, \$25,000.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary, and same shall be spent in two years, beginning September 1, 1913, and ending August 31, 1915. Provided, \$10,000.00 of the said amount shall be for enforcing the provisions of Sections 9a, 9b, 9c, 9d, 9e, 9f, 9g, 9h, and 9i of Chapter 17, of the Acts of the First Called Session of the Thirty-first Legislature and the remainder for the purposes herein specified," \$25,000.00. Said item and the appropriation made is objected to and disapproved. I would have been glad to have approved a reasonable sum for the enforcement of the provisions of Sections 9a, 9b, 9c, 9d, 9e, 9f, 9g, 9h, and 9i, of Chapter 17, of the Acts of the First Called Session of the Thirty-first Legislature, but I do not believe it to be good public policy to confer upon executive officers the employment of a large number of detectives for espionage purposes, when, as a matter of fact, the enforcement of the statutes referred to properly belongs to the police officers of the cities and towns of the State who have ample authority for proceeding against violators of the law, as has been done by the police commissioner of the City of Austin.

#### *General Land Office.*

(1) On page 35 is the following item: "Salary of four bookkeepers at \$1500.00 each," \$6000.00 for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1914, and \$6000.00 for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1915. The sum of \$1500.00 in said item for each of the fiscal years ending August 31, 1914, and August 31, 1915, for ~~one~~ bookkeeper provided for in said item is objected to and disapproved. The salaries of three bookkeepers at \$1500.00 each in said item for each of the fiscal years ending August 31, 1914, and August 31, 1915, are approved. (2) On page 36 is the following item: "Repair of building, to be expended in two years," \$5000.00 for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1914, and \$5000.00 for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1915. The item of \$5000.00 appropriated for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1914, is objected to and disapproved.

#### *Railroad Commission.*

(1) On page 37 is the following item: "Salary of one assistant expert accountant and rate clerk," \$1800.00 for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1914, and \$1800.00 for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1915. This item is objected to and disapproved for both of said fiscal years. (2) On page 37 is the following item: "Salaries of two additional experts at \$2400.00 each," \$4800.00 for the fiscal year ending August 31,

1914, and \$4800.00 for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1915. This item is objected to and disapproved for both of said fiscal years.

*Department of Agriculture.*

(1) On page 38 is the following item: "Collecting, compiling and disseminating agricultural information," \$20,000.00 for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1914, and \$20,000.00 for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1915. The item of \$20,000.00 for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1914, is objected to and disapproved. The sum of \$15,000.00 is appropriated in another place in the bill for collecting, tabulating and systematizing information, etc., for the year ending August 31, 1914. This amount is deemed to be sufficient. (2) On page 38 is the following item: "Inspection and further advancing farm poultry interests," \$1000.00 for the year ending August 31, 1914, and \$1000.00 for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1915. This item is objected to and disapproved for both of said fiscal years upon the ground that an appropriation has been approved for inspection and experiment in the raising of poultry for the Experiment Sub-stations. (3) On page 39 is the following item: "For the purpose of aiding experiment stations in collecting, maintaining, transporting and exhibiting farm products at the National Corn Show, to be held at Dallas, Texas," \$10,000.00 for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1914. This item is objected to and disapproved for the reason that I am of the opinion the Legislature has no authority to appropriate money for the purpose of promoting national corn shows and exhibits at the same.

Respectfully,

O. B. COLQUITT,  
Governor of Texas.